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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS AND WOOD SAW ADMIRAL WEY THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL AND SECURITY CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT FERGUSON PROPOSAL FOR "ONE SHOT" OPERATION LCM UP CROSS RIVER TO REBEL SIDE OPPOSITE IKOT OKPORO. WEY SAID GOWON HAD MENTIONED MATTER TO HIM BUT THAT HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE ABLE MAKE

DEFINITIVE JUDGMENT ON TECHNICAL SECURITY MATTERS UNTIL HAD OPPORTUNITY CONSULT WITH STAFF AND THEN AGAIN WITH GOWON.

ASSURANCE GIVEN, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BEFORE LCM ARRIVES.

2. WEY, WHO SEEMED RECEPTIVE TO GENERAL IDEA OF PROVING CROSS RIVER CORRIDOR WORKABLE, DID MAKE SEVERAL COMMENTS. HE WAS DEFINITE ON REQUIREMENT THAT CARGO CLEARANCE TAKE PLACE AT NAVAL BASE CALAZHR. RE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS HE POINTED OUT RIVER FLOWING AT ONE TO THREE KNOTS WOULD SLOW LCM SPEED; THAT THERE WAS PROBLEM DURING THIS SEASON OF GRASS IN RIVER WHICH MIGHT CLOG PROPS; AND RAISED QUESTION OF ADEQUATE STORAGE FOR GOODS ONCE THEY ARRIVED ON REBEL SIDE. RE SECURITY PROBLEMS HE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT LCM MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO UNAUTHORIZED INTERCEPTION BY SOLDIERS (PRESUMABLY EITHER SIDE) AND POINTED OUT THAT SUCH ACTIONS QUITE FEASIBLE SINCE

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DIFFICULT TROOP COMMANDERS MAINTAIN CONTROL CLEAR DOWN LINE.

3. WE POINTED OUT LCM BE ONLY PARTIALLY LOADED WITH MAXIMUM DRAFT SIX FEET AND THAT ITS CARGO WOULD BE ROUGHLY HALF THAT WHICH IT BRINGING FROM U.S. PLUS SMALL AMOUNT FOODSTUFFS.

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EMPHASIZED ITEMS NOT OF PERISHABLE NATURE AND THAT FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE WAS PROVE THERE OTHER FEASIBLE RELIEF ROUTE OBVIATING DEPENDENCE ON AIRLIFT.

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SUBJECT: ICRC AND NIGERIAN RELIEF

FOR FERGUSON/U

1. FREYMOND, ACTING PRESIDENT ICRC, ASKED ME TO CALL ON HIM THIS MORNING FOR REVIEW CRITICAL SITUATION ICRC RELIEF OPERATIONS. EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN RE PROBLEMS DEALING BOTH FMG AND OJUKWU. NOTED "PROFOUND CHANGES ATTITUDE" SOME GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLICS WHO BEEN STRONG SUPPORTERS ICRC OPERATIONS, PROBLEM GETTING ADEQUATE FUNDS TO CARRY ON. SAID VIEW SHOOTING DOWN D-7 ICRC PILOTS UNDERSTANDABLY UNWILLING CARRY ON "UNLESS GET CLEAR-CUT STATEMENT FROM FMG THAT THERE BE NO REPETITION SUCH INCIDENT." SAID SOME MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE CONSIDERING ADVISABILITY ICRC GETTING OUT OF NIGERIAN OPERATION, UNLESS IMPROVEMENT SITUATION.

2. "MODERATE" NOTE VERBALE BEEN DRAFTED FOR DELIVERY FMG, FREYMOND SIAD, WHICH ASKS ASSURANCES MEASURES BE TAKEN TO GUARD AGAINST ATTACK ON ANOTHER ICRC PLANE. GEORGES HOFFMAN, ICRC DELEGATE FOR 30 YEARS WITH MANY YEARS AFRICAN SERVICE, WILL LEAVE TONIGHT TO PRESENT NOTE VERBALE. IT REFERS TO LONG EFFORTS ICRC HAS MADE TO GET LAND OR WATER ACCESS INTO REBEL AREA, ITS CONTINUED DESIRE MOVE SUPPLIES THROUGH SUCH CORRIDORS AND/OR VIA DAY FLIGHTS. NOTE RECOGNIZES ICRC NIGHT FLIGHTS CARRIED ON "AT OWN RISK" BUT WITH FMG ASSURANCES (APRIL '68 AND FEB. '69, FREYMOND SAID) THAT FMG WOULD TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES SAFEGUARD AGAINST MISUNDERSTANDINGS. GUTMAN OF FERGUSON STAFF WHO ACCOMPANIED ME SHOWED FREYMOND TEXT TOUGHT FMG PREEE STATEMENT (LAGOS 5147) RE DOWNED PLANE. WE

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EXPRESSED DOUBT FMG GIVE NEW ASSURANCES. SAID THOUGH ICRC NOTE VERBALE, MODERATE AS IT IS, NOT LIKELY IMPROVE FMG-ICRC RELATIONS. MIGHT BE BETTER ASK FOR STATEMENT THAT PREVIOUS ASSURANCES STAND. FREYMOND SAID FELT OBLIGED FOR SAKE PILOTS TRY GET NEW ASSURANCES FROM FMG.

3. IN RECOGNITION FMG HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LINDT, FREYMOND SAID ICRC CONSIDERING SENDING ANOTHER REP TO LAGOS. STRESSED ICRC CONTINUES HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN LINDT WHO WILL REMAIN OVERALL CHARGE RELIEF OPERATIONS, WHICH LINDT STRONGLY WANTS CONTINUED. HOFFMAN ROLE SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONSTRUED AS REPLACEMENT OF LINDT. SPECULATED LINDT PROBABLY OPERATE MOSTLY FROM GENEVA.

4. JAEGGI HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED SEE OJUKWU, ASK FOR CLEAR-CUT ANSWER IN WRITING RE DAY FLIGHTS, AND WATER SHIPMENTS WHEN CAN COMMENCE, UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS. "I THINK OJUKWU HAS BEEN PLAYING GAMES WITH US AND WITH FERGUSON," FREYMOND SAID, AND EXPRESSED IRRITATION WAY ICRC BEEN TREATED RE ITALIAN OIL WORKERS. NOTED SURVIVORS SENT OUT "THROUGH LIBREVILLE, THE MOST PROVOCATIVE CHANNEL." AID NEED MUCH GREATER PRESSURE ON OJUKWU TO AGREE TO DAY FLIGHTS AND RIVER CHANNEL. "HE SHOULD ACCEPT THESE IF HE WISHES THE WORLD TO CONTINUE HUMANITARIAN HELP; OTHERWISE HE SHOULD TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEATH OF MILLIONS OF HIS OWN PEOPLE." FREYMOND SAID RELIEF EFFORT SHOULD NOT BE EXPLOITED CYNICALLY. ASKED THAT U.S. PRESSURE OJUKWU TO AGREE TO DAY FLIGHTS, RIVER CORRIDOR. WE SUGGESTED MIGHT BE MORE HELPFUL TRY GET STATES RECOGNIZING REBEL REGIME TO MAKE THE MAJOR EFFORT PRESURE OJUKWU, AS ITALIAN EPISODE DEMONSTRATED LIMITED LEVERAGE OTHER. FREYMOND THOUGH EXCELLENT IDEA, THAT HE MIGHT TRY PORTUGUESE AND FRENCH. WOULD U.S. TRY IVORY COAST, UK TRY ZAMBIA? (PRESUMABLY FRENCH WOULD TRY GABON AND IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE HAVE THEM DO IVORY COAST. EMPEROR MIGHT TRY TANZANIA. JCA COULD ALSO BE HELPFUL WITH SEVERAL OF COUNTRIES.)

5. FREYMOND, "SPEAKING AS PROFESSOR, NOT AS OFFICIAL ICRC," SUGGESTED ONE WAY SOLVE PROBLEMS MIGHT BE THROUGH BIG 4. THOUGHT BE HELPFUL IF THEY ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENT CALLING FOR "CONCERTED DISENGAGEMENT," FOR END ARMS SHIPMENTS TO EITHER SIDE. SAID RECOGNIZED U.S. NOT INVOLVED IN ARMS SUPPLY BUT THOUGHT OUR JOINING IN SUCH STATEMENT BE USEFUL. "ONLY WAY TO FORCE NIGERIA-BIAFRA COMPROMISE," HE SAID, "IS TO CUT OFF ARMS SUPPLY."

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6. FREYMOND SAID IF DEFINITE AND PROTRACTED BREAK IN ICRC AIRLIFT, ITS TEAMS IN REBEL AREA WOULD HAVE BE PULLED OUT. WHILE CHURCHES MIGHT CONTINUE WITH THEIR FLIGHTS, THEY WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT POPULATION.

7. RE ICRC RUNDING PROBLEM AND FALL-OFF OF SUPPORT, FREYMOND SAID AT LAST CONSULTATION LEVEL MEETING "SCANS AND EVEN DUTCH TOLD US MORE DIFFICULT RAISE MONEY. BEER, EXEC SEC LICROSS, CONFIRMED. THE DIABRA DAY DRIVE IN FRANCE WAS A FAILURE." AND ALL THIS, HE SAID, BEFORE THE MURDER OF THE ITALIANS, THE OVERNIGHT JAILING OF LINDT, THE SHOOTING DOWN OF THE ICRC PLANE, THE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT ATTITUDE OF OJUKWU WHO DID NOT RESPOND TO SINGLE ICRC NOTE RE ITALIANS. IN VIEW DETERIORATION ATTITUDE BOTH SIDES FREYMOND FELT COULD NOT AGAIN, AS HE HAD 20 DAYS AGO, MAKE PUBLIC APPEAL FOR SUPPORT ICRC OPERATIONS ON PRESENT BASIS. NEXT APPEAL SHOULD BE FOR PHASING INTO REHABILITATION EFFORT. DIFFICULT GET RELIEF SUPPORT INDEFINITELY IF WAR SEEMS ENDLESS. SAYS HAS MONEY SUFFICIENT END OF AUGUST FOR SCHEDULED PROBLEAMS. AFTER AUGUST HE CONCERNED BE HARD MAINTAIN GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE CONTRIBU-TIONS NOT ONLY FORM EUROPE BUT FROM U.S.

8. COMMENT: FREYMOND, WHO NORMALLY ASSURED AND OPTIMISTIC, CLEARLY ALARMED AND SHAKEN BY SITUATION. HE AND COMMITTEE NATURALLY WANT GET ON WITH RELIEF AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND ANXIOUS EVERY-THING POSSIBLE BE DONE MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. TUBBY

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JOINT EMB/DATT MESSAGE

SGD LANGLEY, DIA FOR DIACO: CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C.

SUBJECT: DOWNED DC-7

1. AARMA HAD LATE LUNCH WITH MIKE THOMSETT (PROTECT), NAF
MERC PILOT (UK, EX-RAFT) 9 JUNE. THOMSETT RETURNED FROM PORT
HARCOURT EVENING 8 JUNE AND REQUESTED MEETING.

2. DOWNED RELIEF AIRCRAFT: PORT HARCOURT NAF DET RECEIVED
ORDER 5 JUN 69 TO INTERCEPT SPECIFIC FLIGHT WHICH WAS ALLEGEDLY
ARMS CARRIER TO REBELS. ARES KLOODUIG (PROTECT), SO. AFRICAN
MERC, AND THOMSETT TOOK OFF TO INTERCEPT. KLOODUIG IN MIG-17
AND THOMSETT IN PIAGGIO INTERCEPTED AIRCRAFT
BETWEEN IKEM AND EKEY AT 1900 LOCAL EVENING 1 JUN: AT ALTITUDE
OF 10,000 FT. MIG-17 DESCENDED, TURNED, TAILED AIRCRAFT,
THEN PULLED IN FRONT OF AIRCRAFT AND WAVED WINGS. MIG-17
TURNED ON NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND FIRED A BURST OF 23MM CANNON
STRAIGHT AHEAD WHICH IS ALLEGEDLY SIGNAL FOR PURSUED AIRCRAFT
TO TURN ON LANDING LIGHTS, LOWER LANDING GEAR AND FOLLOW
INTERCEPTOR. INTENTION OF MERC PILOTS WAS TO HAVE INTERCEPTED
AIRCRAFT FOLLOW AND LAND AT PORT HARCOURT. RELIEF AIRCRAFT
INEREAD, DIVED, DID 180 DEGREE TURN AND DODGED IN AND OUT OF
CLOUDS. MIG-17 FIRED BURST OF CANNON HITTING THE LEFT WING TIP.
RELIEF AIRCRAFT CONTINUED TO EVADE INTERCEPTING AIRCRAFT AND

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MIG-17 FIRED BURST OF CANNON INTO NUMBER ONE ENGINE WHICH CAUGHT FIRE. RELIEF AIRCRAFT WENT INTO SHALLOW DIVE AND EITHER AIRCRAFT DOOR OR A MAN CAME PAST MIG-17. AFTER 1 MINUTE RELIEF AIRCRAFT WENT INTO VERTICAL DIVE AND EXPLODED AT 300-400 FEET ABOVE GROUND IN THE VICINITY OF EKET. THOMSETT IN SECOND NAF AIRCRAFT WITNESSED ALL OF THE ABOVE. WEATHER CONDITION DESCRIBED AS DRIVING RAINSTORM.

3. INSPECTION OF WRECKAGE: THOMSETT AND KLOODUIG TOOK NAF H-19 (HELICOPTER) AT PORT HARCOURT MORNING OF 6 JUNE IN ATTEMPT TO SEE WRECKED AIRCRAFT. LOCATED AND SAW CRASH SITE APPROX 1200 LOCAL 6 JUNE. AIRCRAFT DEFINITELY ICRC WITH RED CROSS PAINTED ON TAIL. FMG HAS REMOVED RED CROSS AND TOLD MERCENARIES TO FORGET EVER SEEING IT. AIRCRAFT COMPLETELY STRIPPED OF ALL PAPERS, CARGO, ETC BY LOCAL NATIVES. ONE CHARRED BODY IN COCKPIT. ANOTHER TO REAR OF COCKPIT AND AN IDENTIFIABLE BODY OF A WHITE MALE BY WRECKAGE. EVEN BODIES STRIPPED OF CLOTHING AND IDENTIFICATION. NO EVIDENCE OF FOURTH CREWMEMBER. EXPLOSION WHICH RIPPED AIRCRAFT UNEXPLAINABLE BY THOMSETT EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THE AFT SECTION OF FUSELAGE HAD EVIDENCE OF SOME KIND OF DETONATION FROM RIPPED SECTIONS IN THAT PART OF AIRCRAFT. EVIDENCE OF RICE KERNELS IN CARGO SECTION OF AIRCRAFT SEEN BY THOMSETT. BOTH MERCS TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF WRECKAGE WHICH NOW AT NAF HQ AND MAY BE FURNISHED AARMA LATER.

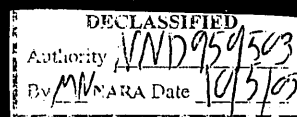
4. THOMSETT'S COMMENTS ON FUTURE RELIEF FLIGHTS: THOMSETT VERY CONCERNED ABOUT FUTURE FLIGHTS. AGAIN, STRESSES THAT ICRC AND JCA BE TOLD THAT MORE AIRCRAFT GOING DOWN. HE STATES HE WANTS "NO PART OF IT" HOWEVER KLOODUIG IS A "COOL CUSTOMER WHO DISLIKES SHOOTING DOWN RELIEF AIRCRAFT BUT REALIZES THAT ICRC AND JCA HAVE NO LEGAL GROUNDS TO BASE OBJECTION ON."

THOMSETT COMPLAINED BITTERLY TO MAJ FALOPE, NAF OPNS OFFICER AT MOD THIS MORNING ABOUT NAF INFO THAT DESTROYED AIRCRAFT WAS ARMS CARRIER INSTEAD OF RELIEF PLANE. FALOPE REPLIED "YOU BETTER SHOOT THEM ALL DOWN OR GET OUT." CAPT KING, NAF DET COMMANDER AT PORT HARCOURT AND MIG-17 PILOT, OFFICIALLY GIVEN CREDIT FOR THE "KILL". THREE NEW MERCENARY PILOTS ARRIVED LAST SIX DAYS (TWO EX-RAF, ONE EX-AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE) FOR NAF. AUSTRALIAN NOW AT KANO DOING CONVERSION TO MIG-17. THOMSETT STATED THAT IN 3 TO 4 WEEKS NAF WOULD HAVE CAPABILITY OF HAVING FOUR MIG-17'S UP NIGHTLY OVER REBEL

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TERRITORY. THE RADAR AT PORT HARCOURT IS OPERATIONAL AND SOVIET OPERATOR MANS TO DOUBLE CHECK INTERCEPTION TECHNIQUES.

COMMENT: THIS MSG CLASSIFIED NO FORN ONLY TO PROTECT THOMSETT AS SOURCE AND KLOODUIG. WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY INTERCEPTING PILOTS COULD NOT SEE RED CROSS ON PLANE BUT IF THOMSETT'S STORY OF WARNINGS GIVEN TO PLANE CORRECT, ANY PLANES ATTEMPTING NIGHT FLIGHTS SHOULD BE WARNED TO LAND AT ONCE OR GIVE INDICATIONS OF INTENTION TO LAND (LOWER GEAR AND TURN ON LANDING LIGHTS) IMMEDIATELY UPON INTERCEPTION.

FURTHERMORE, IT WOULD SEEM ADVISABLE TO US THAT ALL ICRC AND JCA NIGHT FLIGHTS SHOULD BE STOPPED UNTIL SITUATION CLARIFIED. CHIEF NAF ALSO CONFIRMED TO DATT THAT PHOTOS OF PLANE SHOW MARKINGS ERP. PRECEDING LETTERS (SE) NOT RECONGIZEABLE.
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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH WACHMEISTER ICRC MORNING 9 JUNE, HE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) ICRC ALMOST SURELY NOT FLYING NIGHT JUNE 9; (B) LINDT, WHO IN MOSCOW FOR ONE WEEK, GAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO WACHMEISTER WHETHER OR NOT TO RESTART FLIGHTS; (C) WACHMEISTER FEELS THAT BEFORE HE CAN START FLIGHTS, AIR COMPANIES (BALAIR, FRAGFLUCT, SWEDISH RED CROSS) MUST BE CONSULTED FIRST, THAT AGREEMENT WITH NIGERIANS TACIT OR OTHERWISE MUST BE REACHED CONCERNING FLIGHTS ACROSS FMG TERRITORY, INCLUDING LANDING FOR "CONTROL" WHEN CAUGHT BY MIGS, TURNING ON ID, NAV AND WINGLIGHTS AND GETTING FLIGHT CREW "VOLUNTEERS" PERHAPS WITH GREATER PAY

INCENTIVES, ETC.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH CREW MEMBERS GENERAL OPINION IS NO ONE WOULD FLY AT PRESENT, BUT THAT SITUATION OUTLINED IN PARA (1) WOULD BE SATISFACTORY. LIER (BALAIR) HAS SAID THAT HIS PLANES WON'T FLY UNTIL IT IS SAFE.

3. ASKED WACHMEISTER ICRC MORNING 9 JUNE TO REQUEST ESTIMATE

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OF STORES IN BIAFRA, MORALE SITUATION ALL RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE ENCLAVE AND IF ICRC IN BIAFRA CAN ASCERTAIN IF ANY FLIGHTS ARRIVING ULI AND FROM WHERE.

4. TWO RUMORS CIRCULATING, ONE THAT BROWN HAD FMG PRICE ON HIS HEAD (BECAUSE HE PREVIOUSLY FLEW ARMS FLIGHTS) AND FMG HAS "WANTED" LIST OF RELIEF FLIGHT CREWS. VALIDITY OF THIS LATTER RUMOR MIGHT HAVE EFFECT ON WHETHER CREWS WILLING TO BE FORCED DOWN FOR "CONTROL". PLEASE CHECK IF THERE ANY TRUTH THIS STATEMENT.

5. WACHTMEISTER SAID HE THOUGHT THREE CHURCH FLIGHTS LANDED ULI NIGHT 6/7 JUNE, BUT NO FIRM CONFIRMATION.

6. JET AIRCRAFT SPOTTED OVER ULI NIGHT 5/6 JUNE SAID TO HAVE LOW HORIZONTAL STABILIZER CONFIGURATION. COULD BE MIG-19 WHICH HAS NIGHT FIGHTER CAPABILITIES. KNOX

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1. IN VIEW RECENT NIGERIAN REACTIONS TO OVERSEAS COMMENTS ON
SITUATION HERE, GRATEFUL FOR CABLED SUMMARY MAIN POINTS OF
CBS FIRST TUESDAY SHOW ON NIGERIA SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 10.

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SUBJECT: BIAFRAN AIRLIFT

1. BOTH ARMS AND RELIEF FLIGHTS LIBREVILLE-BIAFRA SEEM HAVE
FALLEN OFF SOMEWHAT PAST WEEK.

2. FOLLOWING PRESUMED ARMS FLIGHTS APPARENTLY MADE SINCE
MAY 31:

DC-4 F-BBDD EVERY NIGHT JUNE 1-6 AND NIGHT JUNE 8-9;

DC-6 TR-LKJ NIGHT JUNE 1-2.

3. FOLLOWING PRESUMED RELIEF FLIGHTS APPARENTLY MADE SAME

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SUBJ: NIGERIA-ICRC ACCRA PLANNING CONFERENCE

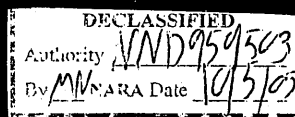
ICRC HAS POSTPONED ACCRA MEETING TO ASSESS SITUATION CREATED
BY LOSS ITS PLANE DUE FMG ACTION. NEW DATE IS JUNE 14
THROUGH 16. ACCOUNT WEEKEND UNABLE DETERMINE EFFECTS OF ICRC-JCA
COORDINATING MEETING WHICH SCHEDULED JUNE 16 NOT JUNE 19 AS
REPORTED EARLIER. CLEAR TO US SUCH MEETING ABSOLUTELY VITAL.

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U/CF-AID/W NIGERIAN DESK

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF-JCA OPERATIONS IN FMG AREA
1. ACCORDING ZIEGLER JCA ROLE IN FMG AREA MINOR AND
PRESENTLY CONSISTS LARGELY OF MEDICAL TEAM.

2. HE INDICATED UNHAPPINESS OVER ICRC "UMBRELLA". JCA HOPES
ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT OPERATION IN AREAS WHICH ICRC UNABLE TO
REACH. DR. HUESSLER, SECYGEN GERMAN CARITAS FREIBURG HAS JUST
RETURNED FROM NIGERIA. IN DISCUSSION WITH GENERAL GOWAN HE
OBTAINED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE. HOWEVER, JCA BELIEVES IT WILL
BE SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE OPERATIONS CAN START AS GOWAN HAS
"VERY LITTLE AUTHORITY OVER MILITARY GOVERNORS" WHOSE AGREEMENT
VITAL AND MUST BE WORKED OUT ON CASE TO CASE BASIS.
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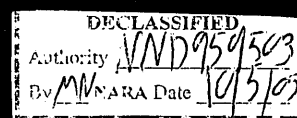
SUBJ: NIGERIA-STOCKFISH

DAVIDSON ETA WASHINGTON JUNE 8 HANDCARRYING LATEST INFOR OBTAINED
ICRC (AMMANN) AND JCA (ZIEGLER/STUTTGART). COMMENTS FOLLOW.
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SUBJECT: NIGERIA-MEDICAL RELIEF

REF: STATE 091179

ZIEGER JCA/STUTTGART (GEISEL'S DEPUTY) MADE FOLLOWING POINTS RE
SUBJECT:

1) BIAFRAMEDICAL NEEDS ARE COMMUNICATED BY DR. MIDDLECUP
DIRECTLY TO THE DIAKONISCHE WERK'S MEDICAL SECTION (DEUTSCHES
INSTITUTE FUR ARZTLICHE MISSION) IN TUBINGEN. ITS CHIEF DR.
VANSOEST COMMUNICATES THESE REQUESTS TO VARIOUS PROTESTANT
CONTRIBUTING ORGANIZATIONS, UNICEF, ETC, AND TO DATE HAS BEEN ABLE
HANDLE ALL OF MIDDLECUP REQUIREMENTS. SAO TOME HAS TWO MONTHS
SUPPLY. SAO TOME, TUBINGEN AND MIDDLECUP HAVE INVENTORIES.
MIDDLECUP CALLS SUPPLIES FORWARD FROM SAO TOME BY BOX NUMBER,
STUTTGART TAKES CARE OF FINANCIAL DETAILS.

2. ONLY LIMITING FACTOR TO DATE HAS BEEN TRANSPORT CAPACITY. THUS
IN LIEU BEDS ONLY AIR MATTRESSES HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED. ZIEGER EXPRESSED
FEAR RECENT FMG AND BIAFRA ACTIONS MAY "DAMPEN PUBLIC'S ENTHUSIASM
TO CONTRIBUTE JCA RELIEF TO SUCH EXTENT THAT FINANCIAL
LIMITATIONS MAY BECOME NEW DIMENSION".

3. JCA HAS GRATIS REPEAT GRATIS OFFER NETHERLANDS COMPLETE 400

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BED MILITARY FIELD HOSPITAL. FACILITY STORED HOLLAND
UNTIL NIGERIA-BIAFRA AGREE ADDED FLIGHTS OR CORRIDORS.

4. IN CONTRAST FOOD SHIPMENTS COORDINATION PROBLEMS IN MEDICAL
SECTOR BETWEEN PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC AGENCIES NOT YET
SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.

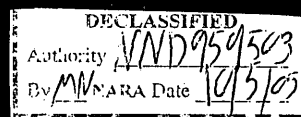
5. WILL TRY PHONE DR. VAN SOEST IN TUBINGEN ON MONDAY FOR
ADDITIONAL INFO.

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SUBJ: NIGERIA-JCA OPERATION

CALL ON JCA/STUTTGART ZIEGLER (ACTING DIRECTOR DURING GEISEL'S
ABSENCE) BROUGHT OUT:

1. JCA CALCULATIONS ASSUME RELIEF ACTIONS PRESENTLY REACH ONE
MILLION PEOPLE IN FMG TERRITORY AND FOUR MILLION IN BIAFRA
ENCLAVE (NOTE WE GENERALLY USE FIGURE TWO MILLION). GEISEL HAS
JUST RETURNED FROM AFRICA WITH NEW BREAKDOWN BIAFRA RELIEF
RECIPIENTS: 1.1 MILLION IN CAMPS, HOSPITALS AND SICKBAYS; 2.05
MILLION IN FEEDING CENTERS; .9 MILLION IN BUSH AND REMOTE VILLAGES
REACHED IRREGULAR BASIS 2-3 TIMES PER WEEK; TOTAL 4 MILLION WITH
APPROX 2 MILLION EACH REACHED BY JCA AND ICRC. ZIEGLER CLAIMS
GEISEL ASSURED HIMSELF NO REPEAT NO DOUBLE FEEDING.

2. POPULATION IN NEED RELIEF MAY INCREASE TO 7 MILLION AFTER
ARMISTICE OR WHENEVER TRANSPORT LIMITATIONS ELIMINATED.

3. SICKBAY ARE NOW BEING PHASED OUT AS PATIENTS SUFFICIENTLY
RECOVERED TO PERMIT THEIR TRANSFER TO CAMPS. THIS FREES MEDICAL
PERSONNEL DESPERATELY NEEDED IN "AREAS REOCCUPIED BY BIAFRANS".

4. EXPATRIATES CONNECTED RELIEF OPERATIONS IN BIAFRA: 36 CHURCH
WORLD SERVICE (CWS), 69 CARITAS, 89 ICRC.

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5. JCA BELIEVES AGREEMENT ON WATER CORRIDOR BETTER POSSIBILITY THAN DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS IN LIGHT POLMIL OBSTACLES. HAS BOUGHT 6 LIGHTER BARGES WHICH NOW SAO TOME FOR FUTURE USE IN CROSS RIVER CORRIDOR OPERATION. (SEE GENEVA 1659).

6. JCA OBJECTIVE IS ESTABLISH 8,000 TON FOOD STOCKPILE SAO TOME. LAST REPORT DATED MAY 25 INDICATES 7,700 TON LEVEL.

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AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 1834

FOR U/GERGUSON

SUBJECT: DOWNED ICRC DC-7

REF: STATE 928250

VIEW ICRC STRAINED RELATIONS FMG, FREYMOND DOUBTED WHETHER ICRC
REPS WOULD BE PERMITTED SHARE IN INVESTIGATION. THOUGHT REQUEST
DO SO MIGHT NOT HELP RELATIONS FMG. SHOWED NO REPEAT NO INTEREST
PURSUING. TUBBY

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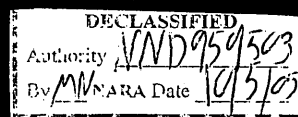
SUBJECT: NIGERIA RELIEF

1. ACCRA MEETING CANCELLED UNTIL SITUATION CLARIFIED (SEE GENEVA 1835).

2. FOR WASHINGTON: UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES BELIEVE USEFUL FOR GUTMAN ATTEND JCA MEETING LUCERNE. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST RE U/CF REPRESENTATION. TUBBY

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AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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STATE FOR U/CF

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

1. ICRC HAS NOT FLOWN FROM EITHER BASE SINCE PLANE SHOT DOWN.
2. JCA PILOTS HAVE DECIDED CONTINUE FLYING BUT NUMBER SORTIES
SOMEWHAT OFF. FRIDAY NIGHT THREE FLIGHTS, SATURDAY SIX FLIGHTS,
SUNDAY EIGHT FLIGHTS. JCA PUTTING OUT PRESS RELEASE TODAY. TUBBY

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

JCA TELLS US ITALIAN MEDICAL TEAM PULLED OUT OF UTURU LAST WEEK
AFTER ONE OF ITS NURSES (BRITISH) DISAPPEARED. DUE GROWING
INSECURITY SE AREA, CRS CONSIDERING PULLING OUT NURSES THERE.
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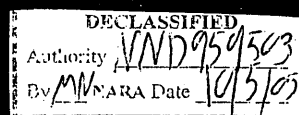
1. DUTCH PRESS REPORTS CONFERENCE IN AMSTERDAM JUNE 37
(REFERRED TO IN REFTEL) WAS GIVEN BY DANISH PASTOR MOLLERUP
(NORTH CHURCH AID) AND DUTCH DOCTOR MIDDELKEP (WUGFD COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES) EN ROUTE TO JCA MEETING IN LUCERNE.

2. MOLLERUP REPORTEDLY STATED: "AIR BRIDGE TO BIAFRA HAS
COST NORTH CHURCH AID \$8,000,000 SO FAR. IT IS PAINFUL TO
CONFIRM THAT BIAFRANS' FREEDOM STRUGGLE BEGINS TO APPEAR
HOPELESS, BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE. WE MUST GO ON. MORE MONEY
IS NEEDED." MIDDELKOOP STATED THAT PROTEIN SHORTAGE IN
BIAFRA NOW MANAGEABLE AS LONG AS AIRLIFT NOT DIMINISHED
BUT THAT GREAT NEED REMAINS FOR CARBOHYDRATES, MEDICINES,
NEEDSPARE PARTS FOR VEHICLES USED IN FOOD DISTRIBUTION. HE
POINTED ALSO TO NEED SOON FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS IF
SCHOOLS ARE TO BE REOPENED.

3. MOLLERUP REPORTED THAT CREW OF DC-7 WHICH SHOT DOWN JUNE 6

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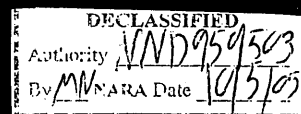
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DID NOT HAVE PARACHUTES. HE APPARENTLY ADDED (PRESS ACCOUNT IS UNCLEAR) THAT RED CROSS FLIGHTS FROM COTONOU HAVE NOW BEEN RESUMED AND THAT FMG HAS WARNED IT WILL CONTINUE AIR PATROLS AND HAS URGED ICRC TO FLY TO BIAFRA ONLY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. TYLER

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AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 5185

SUBJ: DOWNED ICRC DC-7
REF: DEPTTEL 92825

ICRC LAGOS AS OF THIS MORNING HAD RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO
INSTRUCTIONS TO REQUEST FULL INVESTIGATION. THEY SUGGEST
DIFFICULTY MAY BE "INTERVENING WEEKEND" AND EXPECT SUCH
INSTRUCTIONS MAY BE RECEIVED TODAY.

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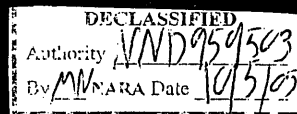
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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN PRESS ROUND-UP, JUNE 8 AND 9

1. JUNE 8 TIMES REPORTS ICRC TO VACATE SPACE AT LAGOS
AIRPORT SINCE THEY COULD NO LONGER RUN FLIGHTS TO ENUGU AND
OTHER LIBERATED AREAS. ALSO
QUOTES " SENIOR SECURITY OFFICER" AS SAYING " THEY ARE SPYING
ON OUR ACTIVITIES HERE". POST JUNE 9 EDITORIAL SAYS " WE
GREATLY GLADDENED AND RELIEVED BY DECISION OF FMG TO
EJECT ICRC FROM LAGOS AIRPORT" AND GOES ON TO CALL ON
FMG TO EXPEL ICRC FROM NIGERIA ALL TOGETHER. CHARGES
ICRC WITH DOING " EXTENSIVE ESPIONAGE WORK FOR REBELS"

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AND SAYS FMG HAS BEEN " TOO ACCOMMODATING TO ICRC TO EXTENT THAT LATTER HAD COME TO SEE ITS ROLE AS GOVERNMENT WITHIN GOVERNMENT IN NIGERIA". POINTS OUT THAT VON ROSEN FIRST CAME TO NIGERIA IN CONNECTION WITH RELIEF WORK AND CALLS ICRC " WING OF SWISS GOVERNMENT" AND NOT INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION. ENDS THAT " ON OTHER HAND LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES WHICH IS INDEPENDENT BODY SHOULD HAVE BEEN ONE TO BE INVITED INTO COUNTRY BY FMG " RATHER THAN ICRC."

2. JUNE 8 POST AND TIMES REPORTS FMG STATEMENT (TEXT LAGOS 5164) CONDEMNING STATEMENTS BY US AND SWEDEN ABOUT SHOOTING DOWN OF AIRCRAFT, AS INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF NIGERIA. STATEMENT CHARGES THAT US AND SWEDISH STATEMENTS REVEAL " DOUBEL STANDARD AND HYPOCRISY" SINCE GOVERNMENTS HAD NOT DEPLORED CRIMES COMMITTED BY REBELS IN MURDERING OILMEN AND US HAD NOT CONDEMNED ACTIVITIES OF VON ROSEN AND OTHERS IN BOMBING FMG JEAREAS. WHILE REPORTS VARY, LATEST CONCLUDES THAT THERE WERE NO SURVIVORS OF PLANE.

3. ARRIVAL OF RELEASED OILMEN IN ITALY AND POPES STATEMENT TO PILGRIMS IN ST. PETERS SQUARE ABOUT OILMEN, REPORTED. POST ALSO REPORTS U THANT STATEMENT AGAIN SUPPORTING DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS.

4. MOST PAPERS REPORT PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 7 BY MILGOV WESTERN STATE ADEBAYO IN WHICH HE CALLED ON FMG TO "HALF IMMEDIATELY ACTIVITIES OF SO-CALLED HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS" IN NIGERIA. ADEBAYO CHARGED THAT SLOW PROGRESS OF WAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO TOO MANY CONCESSIONS TO HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS WHICH OJUKWU HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF TO CARRY ON WAR. JUNE 9 SKETCH EDITORIAL SUPPORTS ADEBAYO STATEMENTS AND END BY STATING OUR RIGHT TO CONDUCT OUR WAR AND GUARD OUR SOVEREIGNTY ALSO ENJOINS FMG TO ASK THEM (HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS) TO PACK AND GO.

5. NEW NIGERIAN EDITORIAL TITLED " MEDDLERS WARNED" PRAISES FMG FOR " AT LAST GETTING TOUGH" ABOUT ILLEGAL FLIGHTS AND CALLS HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS " NOTHING MORE THAN FRONT FOR UNHOLY COALITIONS AGAINST INTEGRITY OF THIS COUNTRY

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(WHOSE).... SOLE AIM IS TO HELP SUSTAIN REBELLION(AND)
BREAK OUR SPIRIT". CALLS ON FMG TO BE FIRM AND IGNORE
PROTESTS OF "SPONSORS OF HUMANITARIAN PLOT (BECAUSE)
... UNLESS WE CUT OFF ULI-IHIALA FROM REST OF WORLD REBELS
WILL BE IN POSITION TO OFFER HARDER RESISTANCE FOR LONGER
PERIOD THAN NEED BE CASE". TRIBUNE JUNE 9 EDITORIAL STATES
THAT SHOOTING DOWN OF PLANE IS "OMEN OF STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO
ASSERT NIGERIAS SOVEREIGNTY". SAYS THAT TRIBUNE REGRETS
THAT PLANE HAPPENDED TO BE SWEDISH RC ONE BUT " OWNERS WILL
HAVE NO ONE BUT THEMSELVES TO BLAME FOR VIOLATING OUR AIR
SPACE AND ACTING CONTRARY TO PERMISSION GRANTED THEM...TO
FLY RELIEF SUPPLIES DURING DAY". CALLS FOR CONCENTRATED
VIGILANCE AND FOR ANY PLANE VIOLATING NIGERIAS SOVEREIGNTY
TO BE SHOT DOWN.

6. OBSERVER JUNE 9 EDITORIAL STATES THAT VON ROSEN
ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF CREW
MEMBERS OF RC PLANE. SAYS THAT NAF CANNOT SORT OUT "FOUL
APPLES FROM GOOD IN THIS NIGHTLY BARREL OF FLIGHTS" AND SAYS
" SURELY IT MUST ALSO BE OBVIOUS TO DO-GOODERS AND NOT-SO-DO
GOODERS IN CHARGE OF THESEMERCY FLIGHTS THAT THEY ARE BEING
TAKEN FOR SUCKERS BY REBELS". STATES THAT THERE IS ALLEGED
FOODSHORTAGE IN REBEL-HELD TERRITORIES SO"PERHAPS
LEADERS OF REBEL BAND SHOULD DISGORGE SOME OF GOODIES IN
THEIR LARDER, SUCH AS CHAMPAGNE WHICH FREELY FLOWED AT
RECENT CELEBRATIONSTO THEIR ALLEGEDLY HUNGRY, SUBJUGATED
PEOPLE".
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INFO USMISSION GENEVA

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SUBJ: VISAS FOR FLETCHER PARTY

HOCKE (ICRC) TOLD US TODAY HE AS YET HAD NO RPT NO
REPLY ON REQUEST FOR VISAS FOR FLETCHER PARTY. HE
REMINDED FLETCHER PLANNED DEPART FOR LAGOS JUNE 10 VIA
GENEVA (STATE 089872) AND VISAS NEEDED VERY SHORTLY.
HOCKE ASSURED HE PRESSING ON MATTER AND SINCE IMMIGRATION
OFFICE HAS RAISED NO QUESTIONS, BELIEVE HE WILL HAVE THEM
SOON. HE WILL KEEP US AND GENEVA INFORMED.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7084
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 5214

SUBJECT: DOWNED ICRC DC-7

REF LAGOS 5185

AT COB TODAY HOCKE INFORMED ECON COUNSELOR THAT ICRC
LAGOS HAD BEEN ASKED BY GENEVA PROVIDE DETAILS AVAILABLE ON
DC-7 WHICH SHOT DOWN AND TOLD THAT ICRC IS TAKING MATTER UP
DIRECTLY WITH FMG. HOCKE CONCLUDES THEREFORE, MATTER
RAISED OR BEING RAISED WITH SULE KOLO NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR
IN GENEVA. THUS ICRC LAGOS HAS NO RPT NO INSTRUCTIONS AS
YET TO MAKE DEMARCHE WITH FMG ON QUESTION INVESTIGATION
DESTRUCTION DC-7.
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1. NEW ICRC PERSONNEL LISTING LISTS FOLLOWING
AMCITS WORKING FOR ICRC AT OKPUALA NGWA (S.D.A. HOSPITAL)
IN REBEL HELD AREASEASH CENTRAL STATE.

NAME	PPT NO
DYSSINGER WILLIAM (HEAD) NOT KNOWN	
LANSING CARL	Z675277
PORTER HOWARD	H514097
BECK SHARON	K114022
WICHSEER GAIL	K114030

2. ANOTHER AMCIT LAWRENCE WAISH WORKING WITH ICRC
TEAM #22 AT IGBOUKWU NNOBI (PPT # H 1171227)

3. NOTE BEING SENT EXTAFF AS IN PAST REQUESTING FMG
EXTEND PROTECTION TO THEM AND OTHER AMCITS WHO MAY
BE FOUND IN REBEL AREAS BY FEDERAL FORCES.
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AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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SUBJECT: DOWNED ICRC DC-7

ICRC (SCHAEDLER) CONFIRMS DC-7 CARRIED NO REPEAT NO PARACHUTES.

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AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE
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REF: LAGOS 5165; STATE 092825

SUBJ: DOWNED RELIEF PLANE

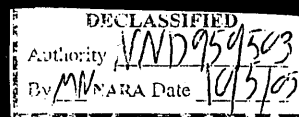
1. LAST NIGHT EMBOFF HAD OPPORTUNITY TALK WITH PERMSEC INFO JODA; DIRECTOR INFO EPELLE AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SCOTT. EMUAKPOR CONCERNING DOWNED PLANE.

2. ALL CONFIRMED OUR ASSESSMENT IN LAGOS 5165 THAT FMG HAD (A) CREATED NEAR-TOTAL CONFUSION BY REACTING TOO QUICKLY ON BASIS INCOMPLETE INFO FROM MILITARY IN PORT HARCOURT; AND (B) THAT HAVING MADE MESS (JODA OPENLY ADMITTED THIS) THEY NOW WAITING FOR FULL REPORTS FROM FIELD. WE UNDERSTAND THIS INCLUDES BRINGING INDIVIDUALS WHO DISCOVERED WRECKAGE AND TRANSMITTED MESSAGES RE PILOTS TO LAGOS FOR QUESTIONING IN EFFORT GET FULL CLEAR PICTURE OF WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

3. ON RELATED QUESTION FMG ISSUANCE RELEASE BLASTING US AND

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SWEDISH STATEMENTS DEPLORING SHOOTING DOWN AIRCRAFT, (LAGOS 5164) JODA AND EPELLE GAVE IMPRESSION THEY AUTHORS OF RELEASE, WITH EPELLE ADDING COMMENT "DON'T THINK THIS CAME FROM VERY TOP." HOWEVER, BOTH OBVIOUSLY IRKED AT LACK EXPRESSION OF CONCERN BY US FOR FATE ITALIAN MURDERED OILMEN AND OOUKWU DEATH SENTENCE OTHERS. INDICATIVE OF MOOD IN MININFO IS: JODA REACTION WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD SEEN TEXT US STATEMENT ON DOWNED AIRCRAFT: "AFTER VOA AND BBC PUBLICLY AND REPEATEDLY DEPLORED FULLY JUSTIFIABLE ACTION ON OUR PART, ESPECIALLY AFTER VON ROSEN BOMBINGS OUR TERRITORY, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE WHAT YOUR INNER QUOTE FULL TEXT CLOSE INNER QUOTE SAID." ON OTHER HAND BOTH JODA AND EPELLE SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE INCIDENT CLOSED, AND VOLUNTEERED HOPE "THERE NO FURTHER STATEMENTS YOUR SIDE." EPELLE CLAIMS FMG UNDER INCREASING DOMESTIC PRESSURE TO REACT SINCE "PEOPLE DO NOT UNDERSTAND HELP TO REBELS". (COMMENT: THIS MAY BE PARTLY TRUE, BUT IN ADDITION, ANY GRASS-ROOTS ANTI-HUMANITARIAN FEELINGS, FMG HAS ALSO SELF TO BLAME BY PROLONGED SHIPING AT ICRC AND OTHER RELIEF AGENCIES. THIS HAS UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO SUCH PUBLIC PRESSURE AS MAY EXIST.)

4. EPELLE PARTICULARLY BITTER ABOUT FACT RESIDENT WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS HAVE RELATIVELY EASY ACCESS TO WELL-PLACED MILITARY SOURCES (OFTEN SUPREME HQ CHIEF OF STAFF EKPO, AND IN THIS CASE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF KATSINA AND NAFI COMMANDER ALAO). EPELLE CLAIMS, WITH SOME JUSTIFICATION, THAT THESE OFFICERS, WITH FIRST ACCESS TO INFO FROM WAR ZONES (AND WE HAVE SEEN DOUBTFUL VERACITY AND SLOWNESS MOST OF THEIR INFO), TEND TO BE EASILY TRIPPED UP BY PRESS CORPS, AND LED INTO REMARKS THEY DID NOT INTEND. FOR EXAMPLE, EPELLE AND JODA BOTH SAID BBC CORRESPONDENT STEWART "VERY LIKELY" BE EXPELLED FOR HIS RECENT REPORTING, AND THAT ALAO HAD WRITTEN JODA LONG LETTER COMPLAINING HE HAD NOT RPT NOT SAID "HALF" WHAT REPORTED ABOUT SHOOTING DOWN "ANYTHING FLYING INTO BIAFRA".

5. COMMENT: FROM FOREGOING IT SEEMS FAIRLY CLEAR THAT MININFO, PARTLY BECAUSE HAWKISH ATTITUDES INFO COMMISSIONERS ENAHORO, JODA AND EPELLE, AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF PIQUE AND FEUDING WITH LOCAL REPS INTERNATIONAL PRESS, IS CONSISTENTLY TAKING HARDER LINE THAN MILITARY DECISION-MAKERS, WHO ARE, IN FACT, OFTEN INEPT IN HANDLING PRESS. EXTAFF, WITH EXCEPTION EDWARD ENAHORO, GENERALLY UNINFORMED, BUT IT CLEAR FROM ENAHORO CONVERSATIONS

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WITH CHARGE THAT EXTAFF WOULD PREFER TAKE SOFTER LINE, E.G., ENAHORO FOUND NO DIFFICULTY WITH OUR STATEMENT WHICH MININFO CHOSE TO BLAST, PRESUMABLY WITHOUT ANY COORDINATION EXTAFF, AND MINIMALLY WITH MILITARY. RESULT IS FMG HAS ONCE AGAIN APPEARED CALLOUS, INEPT AND HYPERSENSITIVE IN PUBLIC, WHILE ITS INABILITY TO ACHIEVE INTERNAL COORDINATION OF MILITARY, DIPLOMATIC AND INFORMATION POLICIES PRODUCES SHAMBLES WE HAVE JUST SEEN.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 5169

SUBJ: DOWNED DC-7

DATT DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH COL. ALAO (PROTECT), COMMANDER,
NAF 1200 HOURS 8 JUNE. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED
FROM COLONEL ALAO, AND IS BASED ON HIS INFORMATION WHICH
HE BELIEVES TO BE CORRECT:

THE AIRCRAFT (DC-7) WAS ENGAGED SOMETIME BETWEEN 1745Z AND
1815Z HOURS 5 JUNE, AS THE NAF AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF AROUND 1730Z
HOURS. THE MIG FLEW ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE AIRCRAFT (DC-7),
PULLING AHEAD SO AIRCRAFT PILOT WOULD SEE MIG, WAVED ITS WINGS,
FIRED, AND DIPPED ITS WINGS IN THE DIRECTION THAT THE MIG WANTED
IT TO GO. THE AIRCRAFT (DC-7) TRIED TO EVADE BY FLYING INTO
CLOUDS, THUS THE MIG PILOT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO PURSUE.
THE AIRCRAFT (DC-7) WAS HIT AND STARTED BURNING. AFTER THE AIRCRAFT
(DC-7) WENT INTO A SPIN, IT WAS REPORTED THAT AN EXPLOSION
OCCURRED JUST BEFORE CRASHING. THE CRASH SITE IS BELIEVED TO
BE SEVERAL MILES SOUTHWEST OF EKET.

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JUST PRIOR TO CRASHING ONE OCCUPANT OF THE DC-7 IS BELIEVED TO HAVE EITHER JUMPED FROM THE AIRCRAFT, OR ELSE POSSIBLY WAS BLOWN OUT. ALTHOUGH ONE REPORT INDICATED TWO OCCUPANTS WERE OBSERVED COMING OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT WHILE STILL IN THE AIR, ALAO QUESTIONS VALIDITY OF THIS INFO.

THE AIRCRAFT (DC-7) BURNED UNTIL AROUND 0700 HOURS, 6 JUNE, AND IT WASN'T UNTIL SOMETIME LATER THAT INVESTIGATING PARTY COULD INSPECT AIRCRAFT. ALAO SAID TWO OF CREW DEFINITELY INCINERATED IN AIRCRAFT, AND ONE "HAND" HAD BEEN FOUND. THE ONE BODY OF THE CREW MEMBER WHO "JUMPED" OR WAS "BLOWN OUT" HAS BEEN RECOVERED AND FOUND TO BE IN A MANGLED CONDITION. SO FAR, ALAO HAS INFO THAT ONLY THREE BODIES HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR, PLUS THE "HAND."

ALAO STATED THAT GOWON HAS INSTRUCTED THAT NO INFORMATION BE GIVEN OUT UNTIL THE COMPLETE FACTS HAVE BEEN ASCERTAINED. ALAO SENT AN NAF OFFICER TO PORT HARCOURT EARLY 8 JUNE TO MAKE A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION AND PHOTOGRAPH SCENE, AND EXPECTS OFFICER TO RETURN 8 JUNE. ALAO DEPARTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR DISCUSSION FOR IKEJA AIRPORT OPS TO FIND OUT LATEST STATUS OF INVESTIGATION AT PORT HARCOURT.

ALAO SAID DOWNED AIRCRAFT IN SWAMPY AREA WHICH FURTHER ADDS TO PROBLEM. HE ALSO STATED THAT SOME PAPERS WERE FOUND WHICH INDICATED THE PLANE REGISTRATION AS "REP" OR "ERP" ALTHOUGH HE STRESSED AGAIN THAT HE WOULDN'T BE POSITIVE OF IDENTIFICATION UNTIL THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER RETURNED TO LAGOS.

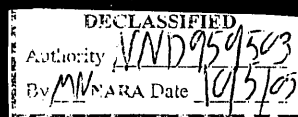
ALAO SAID GOWON IS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT GETTING THE CORRECT INFO BEFORE ANY ADD INFO IS RELEASED. GOWON WILL IMMEDIATELY ISSUE INFO AS SOON AS HE HAS FACTS.

COMMENTS: ALAO STATED HE HAS BEEN MISQUOTED BY BBC CORRESPONDENT PETER STEWART, ALSO OTHER INFO WHICH APPEARED TO COME FROM HIM (ALAO) WAS "PUT OUT" BY BBC FOR WHICH HE DENIED BEING SOURCE. CONSEQUENTLY, MUCH MIS-INFO HAS BEEN CIRCULATING. IT APPEARS SOME OFFICIAL MIN OF INFO RELEASES MAY HAVE BEEN ISSUED BASED ON INFO RPTD BY BBC, AND UNSUBSTANTIATED INFO FROM SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS.

ALAO WAS CERTAIN THAT THREE BODIES HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR,

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PLUS THE "HAND". HE HAD NO INFO ON IDENTITY. HE STATED THE "NATIVES" HAD REMOVED ALL THE CLOTHING FROM THE ONE CREW MEMBER WHO HAD "JUMPED" OR HAD BEEN "BLOWN OUT."

ALAO TOLD DATT THAT HE WOULD "GET IN TOUCH" AS SOON AS HIS INFO VERIFIED, OR ADD INFO AVAIL.

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SUBJECT: Survivors of Downed DC-7

1. Reuters report just received ~~UNQUOTE~~ quotes MinInfo spokesman to effect QUOTE no one parachuted from plane UNQUOTE and that there ~~WAS~~ were no survivors of downed ICRC plane.
2. Above report, which conflicts sharply with info contained ref B, adds even greater urgency to need for prompt and full FMG explanation. FMG statement contained ref C does not rpt not meet that need re survivors.

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SUBJECT: Nigeria Press Summary - June 7

1. Local US press coverage on shooting down of ICRC plane relatively moderate, only Balt Sun giving it front page.

All accounts based AP Lagos story that Soviet-built MIGs of NAF shot down plane and four man crew was captured

after parachuting to safety according to reports. Plane

identified in Lagos and Sweden as DC-7 with American pilot,

David Brown, resident Stockholm. Col. Shittu Alao, NAF

commander quoted saying it difficult know whether plane

had Red Cross markings or not. QUOTE As far as we're

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concerned we are hitting at anything flying into Biafra, Red Cross or not. UNQUOTE All papers briefly report Dept spokesman statement of June 6, Wash Post leading with incident underlines urgency ~~xxxxxx~~ alternative relief arrangements for daylight flights and surface corridors. Paul Ward of Balt Sun says US rebuked Nigerian govt but at same time reasserted Nixon Administration's neutrality in civil war, cites \$60 million USG contribution to date for relief. No editorial comment.

2. Post carries four and half column UPI piece on history of JCA airlift effort, quoting number churchmen in US, including statement by Jan Van Hoogstraten of CWS that group not helping govt of Biafra. QUOTE Some people in America think we are. We've got nothing to do with the Biafran govt. We are zealously guarding our role and]

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	our identity. We are not favoring one side or the other.		
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1. Department has received number of telephone calls from families of Americans serving on crews of relief planes and is encouraged to hope, on basis your conversation with Enahoro (reftel), that American survivor among captured crew of downed plane. Your own timely intervention should make FMG appreciate added concern and interest here in plane incident created by now publicized presence of American in crew. FMG should be left in no doubt on importance of revealing identity of American survivor as soon as this can be verified and in effecting his earliest release.

2. We have refrained from sending instructions re demarche to FMG on plane incident in light your own very prompt approach to Arikpo (Lagos 5026) and pending receipt of latter's report to you on results his discussion with Gowon. [ROGERS]

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REF: (A)Lagos 5163; (B) London 4432 (NOTAL)

SUBJECT: Downed ICRC DC-7

1. USG attaches great importance to earliest possible
~~international~~ investigation and disclosure of facts
 surrounding shooting down of ICRC relief aircraft.

Para 2 ref B indicates ICRC is pressing for such
 investigation and that UK Hicomer has been instructed
 to support with FMG. After consulting your British
 colleague and ICRC you instructed ~~support~~ support
 vigorously ICRC request and press for fullest possible

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FMG cooperation with ICRC in mounting investigation. We attach importance, for instance, to ICRC personnel being permitted rapid access to site of crash (which we presume ICRC has requested) and given full cooperation from FMG military. Close ~~identification~~ identification of ICRC with investigation will give it credibility ~~abroad~~ abroad which sole FMG investigation will inevitably lack.)

2. Embassy and FMG should be aware there is strong Congressional interest in fate of survivors, particularly Amcit Captain Brown. In addition measures in Para 1 above, Embassy should therefore continue to ~~press~~ press FMG directly for full report on fate of all four crew men reported to be on downed aircraft.

3. For Geneva: Ref A reports info from Swedish Ambassador in Lagos that downed DC-7 carried no repeat no

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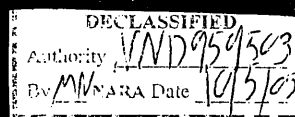
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	Page 3 of telegram to Lagos, Geneva parachutes. Would appreciate confirmation from ICRC. Lagos should ascertain source of Swedish Ambassador's info re parachutes. END RICHARDSON			
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3727
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SUBJECT: ATTACK ON RELIEF AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 091639, LAGOS 5121

1. FONOFF WEEKEND DUTY OFFICER INFORMED EMBOFF MORNING JUNE 7 THAT
TELEX MESSAGE HAD JUST BEEN RECEIVED FROM SWEDISH EMBASSY LAGOS TO
EFFECT THAT SURVIVORS OF ATTACK ON RELIEF AIRCRAFT WERE "EXPECTED TO
ARRIVE IN LAGOS THIS MORNING." DUTY OFFICER, SAID THAT GREAT CON-
FUSION CONTINUES TO SURROUND CIRCUMSTANCES OF ATTACK, AND FONOFF
IS NOT RPT NOT CERTAIN AT THIS JUNCTURE ABOUT IDENTITY OR EVEN
NUMBER OF SURVIVORS.

2. STOCKHOLM PRESS JUNE 7 IDENTIFIES DOWNED CREW AS CONSISTING
OF: DAVID BROWN, U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING IN STOCKHOLM, CAPTAIN;
STIG CARLSSON, SWEDISH CITIZEN, NAVIGATOR; HARRY AXELSON, SWEDISH
CITIZEN, LOADMASTER; AND KIELL PETTERSEN, NORWEGIAN CITIZEN,
ENGINEER. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, TO CONFIRM

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3. FONMIN NILSSON ISSUED STATEMENT JUNE 6 IN WHICH HE NOTED THAT "IT MUST BE SINCERELY REGRETTED THAT A RED CROSS AIRCRAFT ON A PEACEFUL MISSION IS THE VICTIM OF MILITARY VIOLENCE." HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO AIRCRAFT'S DISAPPEARANCE "SHALL NOT LEAD TO A FURTHER SHARPENING OF THE WAR SITUATION IN NIGERIA AND NOT LEAD TO FURTHER SUFFERINGS FOR THE INNOCENT CIVIL POPULATION... WHO ARE THE BENEFICIARY OF THE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES."

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FOR U/CF

1. JCA STATES NONE REPEAT NONE OF THEIR PLANES ATTACKED
THURSDAY NIGHT. JCA MADE 11 LANDINGS BRINGING IN 143
TONS. NO INFO YET RE LAST NIGHT (FRIDAY) FLIGHTS OR WHETHER
ANY TOOK PLACE.

2. MSG. BAYER AND PASTOR MOELLER RETURNED THIS AM
ON SHUTTLE FROM SAO TOME TO AMSTERDAM AND WILL HOLD
PRESS CONFERENCE AT NOON.
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SUBJECT: FMG STATEMENT ON DOWNED ICRC PLANE, DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS
AND SURFACE CORRIDORS.

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JUNE 7 POST QUOTES FOLLOWING FMG STATEMENT SAID TO HAVE BEEN
RELEASED LATE YESTERDAY: QTE THIS DISASTER HAS BEEN LONG PREDICTED
BY FMG TO ICRC WHICH HAS REPEATEDLY BEEN APPROACHED TO
DISCONTINUED NIGHT MERCY FLIGHTS IN FAVOR OF DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS
SO THAT THEIR IDENTITY COULD AT NO TIME BE MISTAKEN FOR
OJUKWUS ARMS PLANES, MANY OF WHICH ARE OF SAME TYPE. ON OTHER
HAND ICRC HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY REFUSED PERMISSION BY REBELS TO
FLY BY DAY, ONLY POSSIBLE REASON BEING TO FACILITATE ENTRY OF
OJUKWUS GUNRUNNING AIRCRAFT. ICRC HAS ALWAYS SAID IT
WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS GREAT RISK. THE FMG HAS
FOREGONE TO SHOOT DOWN FLYING AIRCRAFT TO REMOVE OR
LESSEN THIS RISK AT EXPENSE OF ALLOWING ABUNDANT SUPPLIES OF

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ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO BE FLOWN INTO REBEL-HELD AREA. FOREBEARANCE HAS BEEN EXPLOITED BY REBELS WHO HAVE AT VARIOUS TIMES CARRIED OUT BOMBING RAIDS AT NIGHT WITH CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT. MORE RECENTLY, UNDER COVER OF SHIELD PROVIDED BY MERCY FLIGHTS, PLANES WHICH CARRIED OUT ATTACK ON PORT HARCORT, BENIN AND SO ON, WERE FLOWN INTO REBEL HELD AREA. FMG TAKES VERY SERIOUS VIEW OF LOSS OF CIVILIAN LIVES AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY RESULTING FROM RECENT RAIDS BY AIRCRAFT WHICH WERE MISTAKEN FOR CIVILIAN PLANES. THIS HAS OBLIGED FMG ONCE AGAIN TO PATROL SKY AT NIGHT BEARING IN MIND ICRC WORDS THAT THEY WERE PREPARED TO RISK THEIR OWN LIVES TO FEED REBEL CIVILIANS. IT IS TO BE REGRETTED THAT OJUKWU REGARDS HIS CLANDESTINE GUN RUNNING AS OF MORE VALUE THAN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO ARE FEEDING HIS OSTENSIBLY STARVING POPULACE. INCIDENTALLY SINCE OJUKWU HAS RECENTLY REASSERTED THAT THERE IS ABUNDANT FOOD IN SECESSIONIST AREA, IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY MULTIPLICITY OF RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS IN REBEL AREA INSIST ON FILLING SKY AT NIGHT WITH THEIR MERCY FLIGHTS. FMG IS ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANY FURTHER CASES OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY OF TYPE THAT HAS OCCURRED. THEREFORE ICRC IS ONCE AGAIN INVITED TO INSTITUTE DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS OR, BETTER STILL, TO UTILISE MANY OFFERS OF LAND CORRIDOR ROUTES MADE BY THE FMG. UNQTE
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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR ADDEE (LOME)

REF STATE 092718

SUBJECT: SURVIVORS DOWNED ICRC DC-7

1. WE ARE ACUTELY AWARE IMPORTANCE DETERMINING IDENTITY
SURVIVORS DOWNED DC-7. DATT IN TOUCH WITH ALLAO CHIEF OF
NAF AND I WITH ENAHORO EXTAFF. AS OF 1200Z TODAY NEITHER
HAS BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN NAMES FROM 3RD MARINE
COMMANDO DIV PORT HARCOURT. WE SHALL KEEP PRESSURE ON
AND HOPE FOR REPORT BEFORE END OF DAY.

2. SINCE SURVIVORS ICRC EMPLOYEES I PLAN UNLESS INSTRUCTED
TO CONTRARY, LEAVE IT TO ICRC TO EFFECT RELEASE AND
TO INTERVENE ONLY IF SERIOUS HANG UP DEVELOPS.
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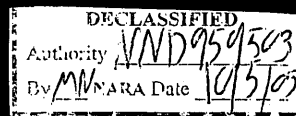
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1. MAIN STORY ALL PAPERS IS SHOOTING DOWN OVER EKET, SOUTH
EASTERN STATE OF AIRCRAFT WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE ICRC CRAFT FROM
FERNANDO PO BELONGING TO SWEDISH RED CROSS. TWO PILOTS REPORTED
BAILED OUT AND WERE FOUND NEAR UYO BY NIGERIAN ARMY. POST
QUOTES FMG STATEMENT (TEXT LAGOS 5147) THAT SUCH
DISASTER HAD LONG BEEN PREDICTED BECAUSE ARMS AND RELIEF
FLIGHTS MIXED AND NAF COULD NOT TELL
DIFFERENCE. STATES THAT FMG HAD IN PAST FOREBORN SHOOTING DOWN
ANY CRAFT TO REMOVE THIS DANGER BUT RECENT ATTACKS ON
FMG AIRPORTS OBLIGED DMG ONCE AGAIN TO PATROL NIGHT SKIES.

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EXPRESSES REGRET THAT REBELS HAVE CHOSEN TO USE RELIEF FLIGHTS TO MASK THEIR ARMS FLIGHTS INSTEAD OF AGREEING TO THE SURFACE ROUTES OR DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS PROPOSED BY FMG FOR RELIEF SUPPLIES. ALSO POINTS TO OJUKWU MAY 31 STATEMENT THAT THERE IS ABUNDANT FOOD IN REBEL AREAS AND QUESTIONS WHY "RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS INSIST ON FILLING NIGHT SKY WITH MERCY FLIGHTS".

2. ALL PAPERS REPORT CALL ON GENERAL GOWON OF GENERAL MANAGER OF AGIP EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION DIVISION ACCOMPANIED BY ITALIAN AMB AND OTHERS. THEY DELIVERED LETTER EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR COOPERATION OF FMG IN MATTER OF MISSING OILMEN. GOWON IN RETURN REASSURED THEM FMG TAKING MORE STRINGENT MEASURES TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF THIS TYPE OF INCIDENT.

3. BIG COVERAGE GIVEN TO REQUIEM MASS HELD FOR DEAD OILMEN BEFORE THEIR BODIES RETURNED TO ITALY YESTERDAY. FMG REPRESENTED BY BRIG EKPO AND COMEBTAF#ARIKPO AND CHURCH FILLED WITH NIGERIANS AND EXAPTS#. POST ALSO REPORTS THAT ITALY AND ENI HAVE AGREED TO PAY REBELS L8.3 MILLION AS "RANSOM" FOR EIGHTEEN SURVIVING OILMEN WHICH REBELS HAVE PROMISED TO RELEASE.

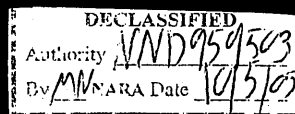
4. MOST PAPERS REPORT STATEMENT MADE BY GUINEAN AMB TO NIGERIA THAT FOUR HUNDRED AFRICAN MERCENARIES TRAINED BY FRENCH ARMY IN IVORY COAST AND ORIGINALLY SUPPOSED TO TAKE PART IN INVASION OF GUINEA TO OVERTHROW TOURE, HAVE BEEN DIVERTED TO REBEL TERRITORY TO AID REBEL ARMY.

5. SEVERAL PAPERS REPORT SENTENCING OF NIGERIAN STUDENT OKPOKAN IN SAN FRANCISCO ON CHARGES OF TAKING BOMB INTO SF STATE COLLEGE. REPORTS INCLUDE STATEMENT BY NIGERIAN CONGEN THAT HE HAD TRIED TO OBTAIN REPATRIATION OF STUDENT BUT THIS IGNORED. CONGEN REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THIS "HAS BEEN OF GREAT DISQUIET AND EMBARRASSMENT TO US IN LIGHT OF COPIOUS PROTECTION EXPECTED TO BE GIVEN TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES IN NIGERIA."

6. IN REPORTING REJECTION OF SWISS PROTEST ABOUT DETENTION OF DR. LINDT, NEW NIGERIAN ONLY PAPER TO REPORT "IT WAS LEARNED FMG MIGHT TAKE FURTHER DRASTIC ACTION AGAINST

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DR. LINDT POSSIBLY BY BANNING HIM FROM ENTERING COUNTRY. POST EDITORIAL SUPPORTS FMG REJECTION OF PROTEST WHICH IT CALLS "UNREASONABLE AND UNWARRANTED" STATING THAT LINDT HAD FLOUNTED FMG INSTRUCTIONS AND ENTERED NIGERIA ILLEGALLY. LINDT'S POSITION WAS NO EXCUSE FOR FLOUNTING CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY, AND IT "TO HIS CREDIT HE HAS OWNED UP BEING IN WRONG." ASKS "WHY THEN PROTEST IF SWISS GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ALLOWED IMAGINARY RACIAL SUPERIORITY COMPLEX TO BECLOUD ITS REASONING."

7. OBSERVER EDITORIAL CALLS RECENT BURNING OF SWEDISH FLAG BY DEMONSTRATORS "CHILDISH FUTILITY" AND SAYS THAT BETTER WAY IS TO PUNISH SWEDES INVOLVED IS TO SEEK THEIR EXTRADITION FROM SWEDEN ON CHARGES OF MURDER. POINTS OUT THAT THEY OPENLY ADMIT FLYING PLANES WHICH DID BOMBING AND THAT AT LEAST ONE PERSON KILLED. ALSO CALLS FOR DAMAGE SUITS FOR PROPERTY LOSSES TO BE INSTITUTED AND SAYS THAT SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AND ALL OTHERS WHO STATE THAT THEY SUPPORT FMG WILL HAVE CHANCE TO PROVE THESE PROTESTATIONS BY AIDING FMG IN EXTRADITION AND SUITS FOR DAMAGE AGAINST SWEDES INVOLVED. OLSON

HAS RECEIVED.

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SUBJECT: CREW OF DOWNED ICRC DC-7

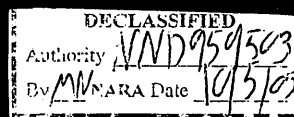
1. IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING INFORMED BY SWEDISH AMB THAT
DOWNED DC-7 CARRIED NO RPT NO PARACHUTES, I RECEIVED CALL FROM
ENAHORO EXTAFF SAYING REPORT OF SURVIVORS WAS IN ERROR AND
THAT NIG. ARMY HAS TWO UNIDENTIFIED BADLY MUTILATED BODIES
IN PORT HARCOURT. I INQUIRED ABOUT PLANE WRECKAGE AND OTHER
TWO CREW MEMBERS BUT AT THIS TIME HE HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION.
2. GIVEN REPORT OF CONDITION OF TWO BODIES RECOVERED BELIEVE
OTHER TWO CREW MEMBERS CAN BE PRESUMED DEAD. WILL REPORT
FURTHER INFO AS AVAILABLE.
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7053

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

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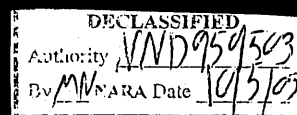
1. FMG LATE JUNE 7 ISSUED STATEMENT ENTITLED "CONCERNING UNITED STATES AND SWEDISH GOVERNMENTS STATEMENTS ON THE SHOOTING DOWN OF THE AIRCRAFT ON ILLEGAL FLIGHTS TO REBEL-HELD TERRITORY"

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE ATTENTION OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DRAWN TO THE STATEMENTS ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES AND SWEDISH GOVERNMENTS PURPORTING TO DEPLORE ATTACK ON AIRCRAFT ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL TRAFFIC TO POCKETS OF TERRITORY HELD BY FORCES IN ARMED REBELLION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

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THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT DEPLORES BOTH STATEMENTS, WHICH CLEARLY REVEAL THE DOUBLE STANDARDS AND HYPOCRISY OF BOTH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OVER THE NIGERIAN CRISIS AND THE CLANDESTINE SUPPORT WHICH THE SO-CALLED HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS GIVE TO SUSTAIN THE REBELLION AND WEAKEN NIGERIA.

OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS, OJUKWU HAS CONTEMPTUOUSLY TREATED THE WORLD TO A MACABRE DISPLAY: FIRST, MURDERING ELEVEN FOREIGN OIL TECHNICIANS IN COLD BLOOD AND, THEN, ANNOUNCING HIS DECISION TO MURDER EIGHTEEN OTHERS.

NO EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT NOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FELT MOVED ENOUGH TO DEPLORE SUCH CRIMES; RATHER, THEY PREFERRED TO ENGAGE IN REGRETTABLE APPEASEMENT AND DEALINGS.

NATIONALS OF SWEDEN ACQUIRED MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND BOMBED AND STRAFED AIRPORTS, POWER STATIONS AND OTHER CIVIL INSTALLATIONS, WHILE OJUKWU BOASTED THAT HE WOULD ATTACK NIGERIAN SHIPPING AND INDUSTRY. SOME OF THE AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTED TO BEAR RED CROSS MARKINGS.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DID NOT CONDEMN SUCH VIOLATIONS BY A EUROPEAN COUNTRY OF NORMAL CIVILIZED CODE OF INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT, ESPECIALLY AS COUNT VON ROSEN AND HIS SWEDS FIRST CAME TO NIGERIA ON SO-CALLED RED CROSS AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN MISSIONS.

IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT OJUKWU'S SOURCE OF MONEY, HIS SUPPLIES FOR HIS SOLDIERS, HIS REGULAR CONTACT WITH FOREIGN INTERESTS HOSTILE TO THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF NIGERIA AS ONE COUNTRY ARE ALL ORGANIZED UNDER THE AEGIS OF SO-CALLED RELIEF OPERATIONS.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE, WARNS ALL FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO RESPECT NIGERIA'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER ITS ENTIRE TERRITORY, TO DESIST FROM ORGANIZING OR CONNIVING AT FLIGHTS OPERATED WITHOUT THE EXPRESS AND SPECIFIC APPROVAL OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND ANY FURTHER VIOLATION OF NIGERIAN AIR SPACE.

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

1. HOCKE (PROTECT SOURCE) HAS TOLD ECON COUNSELOR THAT CAPTAIN DICKSON HAS ASKED ICRC TO REMOVE ITS SUPPLY STORE FROM IKEJA AIRPORT. DICKSON POINTED OUT THAT FOR SOME TIME ICRC HAD MADE LITTLE USE OF THIS FACILITY; THAT SMALL PLANES WERE PRECLUDED FROM FLYING; AND THAT WITH REMOVAL OF SUPPLY STORE THERE BE NO FURTHER NEED FOR ICRC PERSONNEL (SOME SEVEN OR EIGHT INCLUDING ONE EXPERT) AROUND AIRPORT. HOCKE WHO SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH DICKSON SAID DICKSON HAD BEEN PLEASANT BUT FIRM AND ICRC ARRANGING TRANSFER SUPPLIES STORE WHICH CAN BE EFFECTED IN ONE DAY. DICKSON TOLD HOCKE THAT IF REAL NEED ARISES AGAIN, TO COME BACK AND SEE HIM.

2. HOCKE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT ON WHOLE THIS GOOD NEWS. LITTLE NEED NOW FOR IKEJA BASED OPERATION AND ITS TERMINATION WILL REDUCE ICRC COSTS.

3. HOCKE ALSO SAID ICRC HAD MOVED TEAM SERVING ELELE AND AHODA AREA TO PORT HARCOURT IN VIEW MILITARY OPERATIONS IN AREA.
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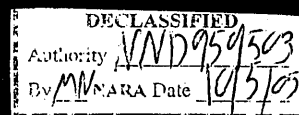
REPORTING REJECTION SWISS PROTEST NOTE ON ARREST AND DETENTION
LINDT, NEW NIGERIAN TODAY REPORTS "DIPLOMATIC SOURCE" AS
SAYING THAT THERE WAS "A LOT MORE TO THE REJECTION OF THE
NOTE", - THAT "WE ARE DOING SOMETHING MORE" - WE ONLY WANT
TO GIVE THEM (THE SWISS EMBASSY) A CHANCE FIRST IN CONFORMITY
WITH DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES". NIGERIAN GOES ON TO SAY IT
WAS LEARNED FMG MIGHT TAKE A FURTHER "DRASTIC ACTION" AGAINST
LINDT, POSSIBLY BANNING HIM FROM ENTERING THE COUNTRY.
EMBASSY COMMENT: WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF LINDT WERE
BANNED FROM ENTERING NIGERIA. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, FMG,
WITH WHAT THEY BELIEVE BE GOOD REASON, EXTREMELY SUSPICIOUS
LINDT, FEEL HE STRONGLY INCLINED TOWARD REBELS, AND FEAR
HE MAY HAVE ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES AFFECTING SECURITY OF
NIGERIA. WE DO NOT BELIEVE ICRC ITSELF WILL BE ASKED TO
LEAVE SINCE FMG, DESPITE FREQUENT PRESS ATTACKS ON ICRC,
CONTINUES DISTINGUISH ITS OPERATIONS FROM THOSE OF UCA.
FOR EXAMPLE, ICRC DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS NOT REPEAT NOT VIEWED
AS ILLEGAL BUT AS PERMITTED AT ICRC'S OWN RISK. ICRC IN
OUR JUDGMENT WOULD SEEM TO BE WELL ADVISED TO FIND
REPLACEMENT FOR LINDT. CAPABLE AS HE MAY BE, AND ENERGETIC
AS HE IS IN SEARCH FOR IMPROVED RELIEF ROUTE, HIS
CREDITABILITY HERE IS ZERO AND WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE
FMG WILL WORK WITH HIM ANY LONGER.

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SUBJ: US-NIGERIAN RELATIONS

1. LAGOS 6101 AND 6102 ARE LATEST IN SERIES EMBASSY AND IBADAN AND KADUNA CONSULATE REPORTS OF INCREASING NIGERIAN SUSPICION AND RESENTMENT OF WESTERN GOVERNMENTS, ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLES. IT IS APPARENT THAT THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF NEW CRISIS IN US-NIGERIAN RELATIONS WHICH COULD BE MORE SERIOUS THAN THOSE PREVIOUSLY EXPERIENCED DURING PAST TWO YEARS. IT IS IRONIC THAT THIS UNHAPPY PROSPECT ARISES FROM FACT THAT USG AND FMG FACE SIMILAR PROBLEM -- I.E. BOTH MUST STRIKE BALANCE BETWEEN INTERNAL PRESSURES AND EXTERNAL POLITICAL REALITIES.

2. IN CASE OF FMG GOWON, ARIKPO AND OTHER MODERATES ARE AWARE THAT CHALLENGING ICRC, CLAIMING CONTROL OF ALL RELIEF OPERATIONS, REJECTING USG SPONSORED TEST VOYAGE ON CROSS RIVER WATER ROUTE AND THREATENING TO SHOOT DOWN NIGHT RELIEF FLIGHTS DAMAGES INTERNATIONAL IMAGE OF FMG AND RISKS CREATING GREATER FOREIGN POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR REBELS. MODERATES ARE EQUALLY AWARE THAT OVERWHELMING MAJORITY POLITICALLY CONSCIOUS NIGERIANS ARE CONVINCED THAT RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS ARE IN LEAGUE WITH REBELS, THAT RELIEF ACTIVITIES ARE PROLONGING CIVIL WAR AND THAT FMG TOO YIELDING TO FOREIGN PRESSURE. SOME WITHIN FMG FULLY SHARE THESE POPULAR VIEWS; OTHER POLITICALLY AMBITIOUS MEMBERS OF FMG SUCH AS AWOLowo AND ENAHORO CANNOT RESIST TEMPTATION TO PANDER TO THESE ATTITUDES. FMG AS WHOLE HAS NOW REACHED DECISION THAT IT MUST GIVE PRIORITY TO ALLAYING INTERNAL CRITICISMS AND PRESSURES WHICH HAVE REACHED PITCH WHICH NO NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT COULD DISREGARD.

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3. IN CASE OF USG, AS SEEN FROM MY UNDOUBTEDLY DISTORTED LAGOSIAN PERSPECTIVE, BALANCE HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN TILTED TOWARD INTERNAL PRESSURE. DOMESTIC SYMPATHY FOR IBOS HAS LED US TO WAVER FROM USUAL POST-WORLD WAR II STANCE OF GIVING FIRM POLITICAL SUPPORT TO FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS AGAINST INTERNAL DISSIDENTS. WE HAVE BEEN PRONE TO ACCEPT AT FACE VALUE ALARMIST REPORTS OF CONDITIONS WITHIN REBEL TERRITORY EVEN THOUGH SUCH REPORTS HAVE LATER FREQUENTLY BEEN PROVED EXAGGERATED AND DESPITE FACT REBELS THEMSELVES DERIDE SUCH REPORTS WHEN IT SUITS THEIR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES TO DO SO. WE HAVE GIVEN MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT TO JCA RELIEF AIRLIFT WHICH FMG HAS REPEATEDLY AND CORRECTLY DENOUNCED AS ILLEGAL VIOLATION OF ITS AIRSPACE. BASIC FACT ABOUT THIS AIRLIFT IS THAT IT WOULD NEVER HAVE BEGUN HAD FMG AT TIME HAD CAPABILITY TO PROTECT ITS AIRSPACE.

4. OF GREAT PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE IS FACT THAT IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH INTERNAL PRESSURES USG HAS OFTEN CONDUCTED ITS BUSINESS WITH FMG BY PRESS STATEMENTS. LATEST EXAMPLE IS SECRETARY'S STATEMENT OF JULY 2 REVEALING PROPOSALS WE HAD SAME DAY PUT TO FMG OFFICIALLY. MOST NIGERIANS REGARDED THIS AS PRESSURE TACTIC AND IN CLIMATE OF OPINION PREVAILING HERE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR FMG TO AGREE TO PUBLICIZED PROPOSALS WHICH REQUIRED REVERSAL OF DECISIONS ALREADY TAKEN ON NIGHT AIRLIFT AND CROSS RIVER WATER ROUTE. ALTHOUGH FMG AND ITS OFFICIALS THEMSELVES FREQUENTLY TRY TO CONDUCT FOREIGN RELATIONS BY PRESS STATEMENTS, MORE SOPHISTICATED NIGERIANS EXCUSE THIS ON GROUNDS OF INEXPERIENCE. SAME NIGERIANS DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW DIPLOMATICALLY EXPERIENCED USG CAN DO SAME THING AND CONSEQUENTLY BELIEVE WELL REMEMBERED SERIES OF USG PRESS STATEMENTS BEGINNING WITH RELEASE RE FMG REQUEST TO BUY ARMS IN JULY 1967 MUST BE CALCULATED ATTEMPTS TO PRESSURE AND HUMILIATE FMG.

5. NO FEW NIGERIANS NOW READ SINISTER SIGNIFICANCE INTO ALMOST ANYTHING USG DOES. THUS ANNOUNCEMENT OF MY OWN TRANSFER BEFORE SELECTION OF SUCCESSOR IS BEING INTERPRETED AS EITHER ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE FMG OR FORERUNNER OF USG POLICY SHIFT. SIMILARLY, NIGERIANS CONSIDER ASSISTANT SECRETARY PALMER'S TRANSFER TO ANOTHER AFRICAN COUNTRY AS DEMOTION AND THEREFORE ANOTHER SIGN OF CHANGING USG POLICY.

6. NIGERIANS ARE REACTING TO WHAT THEY SUSPECT USG IS DOING OR

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7. I GATHER USG IS AGAIN REVIEWING ITS OWN BALANCE BETWEEN INTERNAL PRESSURE AND EXTERNAL POLITICAL REALITIES. I HOPE FOREGOING OBSERVATIONS WILL BE PUT ON SCALES.

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